

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

DALE A. GUILFOIL,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Civ. Action No. 15-733-GMS
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G. R. JOHNSON, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

MEMORANDUM

I. BACKGROUND

The plaintiff, Dale A. Guilfoil (“Guilfoil”), an inmate at the Sussex Correctional Institution (“SCI”), Georgetown, Delaware, filed this lawsuit pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On August 11, 2017, the court granted the defendants’ motion for summary judgment. (See D.I. 33, 34.) Guilfoil moves for reconsideration pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 59(e). (D.I. 38.)

II. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

The standard for obtaining relief under Rule 59(e) is difficult for Guilfoil to meet. The purpose of a motion for reconsideration is to “correct manifest errors of law or fact or to present newly discovered evidence.” *Max’s Seafood Café ex rel. Lou-Ann, Inc. v. Quinteros*, 176 F.3d 669, 677 (3d Cir. 1999). “A proper Rule 59(e) motion . . . must rely on one of three grounds: (1) an intervening change in controlling law; (2) the availability of new evidence; or (3) the need to correct a clear error of law or fact or to prevent manifest injustice. *Lazaridis v. Wehmer*, 591 F.3d 666, 669 (3d Cir. 2010) (citing *N. River Ins. Co. v. CIGNA Reinsurance Co.*, 52 F.3d 1194, 1218 (3d Cir. 1995)). A motion for reconsideration is not properly grounded on a request that a court rethink a decision already made. See *Glendon Energy Co. v. Borough of Glendon*, 836 F.

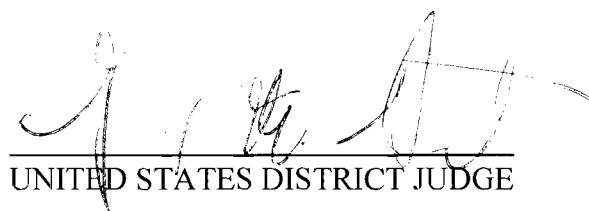
Supp. 1109, 1122 (E.D. Pa. 1993). Motions for reargument or reconsideration may not be used “as a means to argue new facts or issues that inexcusably were not presented to the court in the matter previously decided.” *Brambles USA, Inc. v. Blocker*, 735 F. Supp. 1239, 1240 (D. Del. 1990). Reargument, however, may be appropriate where “the Court has patently misunderstood a party, or has made a decision outside the adversarial issues presented to the court by the parties, or has made an error not of reasoning but of apprehension.” *Brambles USA*, 735 F. Supp. at 1241 (D. Del. 1990) (citations omitted); *See also* D. Del. LR 7.1.5.

In granting the defendants’ motion for summary judgment, the court considered the evidence of record and the applicable law. The court has again reviewed the record in conjunction with the instant motion and finds that Guilfoil has failed to demonstrate any grounds to warrant reconsideration of the August 11, 2017 order.

III. CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the court will deny the motion for reconsideration. (D.I. 38.)

An appropriate order will be entered.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Oct 20, 2017
Wilmington, Delaware